WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Utilization of financial assistance for SSI

1903. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the share of very small industries; cottage industries and small scale industries in the total industrial production of the country;

(b) whether any financial assistance is given by the Central Government to these industries, if so, the details thereof particularly in Rajasthan/Orissa;

(c) whether Government have sought the progress report regarding utilization of funds, district-wise in these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The share of very small industries, cottage industries and small scale industries (VSI Sector) in the total industrial production of the country at 1993-94 prices for the year 2000-2001 is estimated to be 47.29%.

(b) to (d) The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) implements the Rural Employment Generation Programme throughout the country. The KVIC provides Margin Money for setting up Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries in rural areas. The banks provide the balance funds for the projects in the form of term loan. The disbursement in KVI sector during 2000-2001 is given below:

(Figures in Rs. lakhs)

	Grant	Loan
Total disbursement in the country	32001.68	912.74
Rajasthan	708.25	7.22
Orissa	67.98	53.97

The progress regarding utilization of funds by different Khadi & Village Industries Boards as on 21.12.2001 is given below:

(Figures in Rs. lakhs)

	REGP received upto 31.3.2000	Released during 2000-01	Released during 2001-02	Total received by the Board	Utilised by Board as on 21.12.2001
Total in the country	10005.00	1942.50	956.50	12904.00	9701.16
Rajasthan	1040.00	0.00	370.00	1410.00	1040.00
Orissa	385.00	0.00	0.00	385.00	268.59

The schemes/programmes for the development of small scale sector are uniformly implemented throughout the country and State-wise allocation of funds is not made.

KVIC projects in Gujarat

1904. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVIC has taken up projects or industries in Gujarat under the Rural Employment Generation Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) what is the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The projects sanctioned under the Rural Employment Generation Programme in the State of Gujarat for the last three years are as under:

Year	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Projects	20	169	356